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Whitehal, Dec. 12.

THis day was published His Majesties Proclamation for Proroguing the Parliament till the Eleventh of *November* next. As likewise another against Tumultuous Petitions, both which follow,

CHARLES R.

WHereas *the Parliament hath been Prorogued until the Six and twentieth day of* January *next, We, for many weighty Reasons, have thought fit, and resolved to make a further Prorogation of the Parliament, until the Eleventh day of* November *next ensuing the Date hereof: And therefore do by this Our Royal Proclamation Publish, Notifie, and Declare, That the Parliament shall be Prorogued upon and from the said Six and twentieth day of* January, *until the Eleventh day of* November *next, Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, and all others whom it may concern, may hereby take notice, and order their affairs accordingly; We letting them know, that we will not at the said Six and twentieth day of* January, *expect the attendance of any, but only such as being in or about the City of* London, *and* Westminster, *may attend the making the said Prorogation, as heretofore in like cases hath been accustomed.*

Given at Our Court at *Whitehal*, the Eleventh day of *December*, in the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

CHARLES R.

WHereas *His Majesty hath been informed, that divers evil disposed persons at this time, endeavour in several parts of this Kingdom, to frame Petitions to His Majesty, for specious ends and purposes relating to the Publick, and thereupon to Collect and Procure to the same, the Hands or Subscriptions of multitudes of His Majesties Subjects; Which proceedings are contrary to the common and known Laws of this Land, for that it tends to promote Discontents amongst the People, and to raise Sedition and Rebellion, His Majesty considering the evil Consequences that may happen if such Offences should go unpunished, and lest that any of His good Subjects should be inveigled by plausible pretences, or should through inadvertency or ignorance, be engaged to a breach of the Laws in any of the particulars aforesaid, His Majesty hath therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Privy Council) to Declare and make the same known by this His Royal Proclamation: and doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every His Loving Subjects, of what rank or degree soever, That they presume not to agitate or promote any such Subscriptions, nor in any wise joyn in any Petition of that manner to be preferred to His Majesty, upon peril of the utmost rigor of the Law that may be inflicted for the same. And His Majesty doth further Command all Magistrates, and other Officers to whom it shall appertain, to take effectual care, that all such Offenders against the Laws, be prosecuted and punished according to their Demerits.*

Given at Our Court at *Whitehal* the Twelfth day day of *December*, 1679. In the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Prague, Dec. 2. It is hoped that the cold weather, which is now very sharp, will purge this place of the Infection, which we told you in our last, was broken out in two Houses. There has been a rencounter between the Imperialists and Rebels in *Hungary*, in which the former were put to flight, Lieutenant-Colonel *Gersdorf* taken prisoner, four Captains, six Lieutenants, and 500 common Soldiers killed upon the place. Provisions grow very dear here, and in all probability will in a short time be much scarcer, because of the Plague, which is spread into most Villages in the Countrey, between this place and *Vienna*; where the Plague is in a manner ceased. It is reported, that the Emperor will very suddainly nominate Persons to be sent to the Courts of *England*, *France*, *Spain* and *Brandenburg*. Monsieur *Vitry*, the French Envoye, has great civilities shewed him here, by most of the Emperors Ministers, even beyond what they have been accustomed to pay to persons of that Character.

Francfort, December 7. People are very much troubled to hear the Plague is broke out at *Linz*, not far from *Ratisbonne*, and at *Prague*, from which last place, the Emperor they say, is going to remove. Monsieur *Colbert* the French Ambassador, pursues his Negotiation at the Court of *Bavaria*, with all imaginable zeal and application, and speaks oft times in a very high stile, which its said, the Elector has taken notice of, and that he thereupon declared, he expected to be Treated as became a Soveraign Prince; what the Issue will be time must shew.

Brussels, Dec. 15. The Commissioners sent by his Excellency to *Courtray* to adjust the limits, having met with several difficulties in the conferences they had with those of *France*, thought it necessary to return hither to inform his Excellency of them, who having given them farther Instructions, they are gone back to *Courtray* to pursue that work. From *Valenciennes* we have an account, that the Mareschal *d' Humieres* arrived there on Sunday last, being received with great solemnity, and very richly presented by the Magistrates, and that he was gone from thence to *Lille*, where he will reside as Governor-General of the French Conquests. It seems the Garrison of *Ruremond* has followed the example of that of *Venlo*, and has seized 4 or 5000 Gilders, designed for the payment of the Garrison of *Maestricht*;